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(e) what the area and assessment were of the original inam lands of those restored to that church;

(f) what modifications in regard to area and assessment have those lands undergone; and

(g) what orders the Collectors and the Revenue Board have passed as to the area, assessment and conditions of use of the site of the church and the contiguous lands required for processions and other religious functions?

A.—(a) to (g) The information desired by the hon. Member is not available in any of the ordinary books of reference. Search is being made in the Government Record Office and the records of the Board of Revenue and the result will be stated if the hon. Member will repeat his question later on.

Land Revenue

Disabilities of Catholics as to lands purchased for Churches in South Kanara.

* 1741 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have received a representation from the Secretary of the South Kanara Indian Christian Civic League submitting a resolution recorded by its Committee to represent to Government, the disabilities of Catholics as to lands purchased for churches with a memorandum as to the canon and civil laws on the subject; and

(b) what action Government have taken in the matter?

A.—(a) The Government have received a representation on the subject on the 15th February last, but no copy of the resolution recorded by the Committee of the League has been received.

(b) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

Search fees for copies of public documents applied for by interested parties.

* 1742 Q.—Mr. J. KUPPUSWAMI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the recent judgment of the Madras High Court reported in LIV, M.L.J., 229 regarding *Raja Sahib of Vijjanagaram v. the Sub-Collector of Berhampur*, declaring that no search fees should be charged for copies of public documents applied for by interested parties in addition to the supply of copy stamp papers therefor;

(b) why search fees are even now demanded by the Revenue and Registration departments in such cases;

(c) whether the judgment of the High Court has been communicated to all heads of departments for information and guidance;

(d) whether the Government have not yet revised their rules in the Board's Standing Orders, Registration and other departmental manuals relating to the payment of search fees with reference to the judgment of the High Court above referred to; and

(e) why even when the party gives in his application for copies sufficient details relating to the number, year and substance of the document a search fee should be demanded by the Revenue and the Registration departments?